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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on February 16, 2006 referencing the remarks in the amendment filed March 26, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The applicant must present arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the claims, including any newly presented claims patentable over any applied references. The remarks of the March 26, 2002 does not explain *how* the newly presented claims 45-55 distinguish over Stein in view of Deming, but merely states that these claims recite additional patentable distinctions over the prior art with a recitation of claims 45 and 53. A general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically pointing out *how* the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel S. Felten whose telephone number is (571) 272-6742. The examiner can normally be reached on Flex.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on (571) 272-6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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